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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, MZ, TZ, SA

SUBJECT: NON PROLIFERATION TREATY ADHERENCE

1. MOZAMBIQUE IS NOT AN ADHERENT TO THE NON PROLIFERATION TREATY AND ITS THINLY STAFFED FOREIGN MINISTRY SPENDS VERY LITTLE TIME ON MAJOR MULTI REGIONAL ISSUES LIKE NON PROLIFERATION. HOWEVER, MOZAMBIKAN LEADERS GENERALLY ENDORSE THE NEED FOR ARMS CONTROL AND NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION AS A WAY OF EASING WORLD TENSION AND FOSTERING DETENTE. THIS IS CLEAR FROM SPEECHES MADE BY PRESIDENT MACHEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO AT THE UN AND THIRD WORLD GATHERINGS.

2. ON MOST GOBAL ISSUES, MOZAMBIQUE CONTINUES TO BE GUIDED BY WHAT TANZANIA DOES. TANZANIA IS MOZAMBIQUE'S CLOSEST ALLY AND ADVISOR ON GOBAL ISSUES. IF THE TANZANIANS WERE TO SIGN THE NPT. THE MOZAMBICANS WOULD PROBABLY SIGN IF THE TANZANIANS INCOURAGED THEM TO DO SO.

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3. WITHIN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CONTEXT OF THIS PROBLEM. MOZAMBIQUE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE GOVERNMENT AND MOZAMBIKAN PRESS HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SHARED NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND INFORMATION WITH THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT. TO THE

EXTENT THAT THE US AND OTHER MAJOR WESTERN COUNTRIES
CAN BE SEEN TO BE PUTTING PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO
JOIN THE NUCLEAR NONSPROLIFERATION CLUB, THIS WILL
STRENGTHEN AND ADVANCE OUR OWN CASE FOR MOZAMBIQUE TO
BECOME A NPT SIGNATORY.
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